

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please add new Claim 18 through 20 as follows:

Please amend Claims 1 through 17 as follows:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A foil ~~Foil~~ bag comprising:
flattened and optionally side folded foil bag portions;
~~and which is provided with a sealed bottom;~~ and
with a number of punched openings in the vicinity of the upper edges of the foil bag to be unfolded, whereby a bundle of foil bags are configured to be ~~is being positioned and supported by a foil bag opening machine having a~~ ~~upon an additional bar shaped pin support of a supporting device provided on a foil bag opening machine; and~~;
characterized in that the foil bag is provided adjacent to its upper edge with one or more openings being located adjacent to the upper edge and having a diameter which is substantially equal or even greater than the external pin diameter of the support, and wherein ~~whereas the foil bag is also provided with~~ at least one of the foil bag portions has ~~provided with~~ one or more incisions in the foil bag material at a certain distance from the opening in a circumferential direction, in such a way that during the opening process of the folded foil bag during a first step the front of the flat folded foil bag portion is configured to be pulled off the pin support and consequently during a second step the rearward flat foil bag portion is configured to be pulled off from the pin support in such a way that the incisions will remove the ~~undesirable mutually~~ adherence of the foil bag portions by introducing additional air between the opposite adhering foil bag portions ~~while being pulled off the pin support~~ so that the foil bag is completely and easily and ~~problemless~~ opened starting from the front flat foil bag portion whereafter the rearward flat foil bag portion is pulled off further from the pin support.
2. **(Currently Amended)** A foil ~~Foil~~ bag according to claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the upper edges of the foil bag have ~~for the purpose of being opened is provided with~~ at least one punched opening having approximately the same external diameter as the pin support.
3. **(Currently Amended)** A foil ~~Foil~~ bag according to claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ at least one incision is located ~~an incision is provided~~ at a minimum distance

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from the external circumference of the opening, in such a way that the suspension of the foil bag by means of its opening on the pin support is secured.

4. **(Currently Amended)** A foil ~~Foil~~ bag according to Claim 1 ~~claims 1 or 2~~, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the rearward flat foil bag portion has no ~~is not provided with such~~ incisions extending from the upper edge to the opening.

5. **(Currently Amended)** A foil ~~Foil~~ bag according to claim 4, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the front flat foil bag has at least one incision ~~is provided with incisions~~ extending from the upper edge to the said opening.

6. **(Currently Amended)** A foil ~~Foil~~ bag according to claim 5, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the front side folds have ~~are provided with~~ openings and incisions similar to the front flat foil bag portion.

7. **(Currently Amended)** A foil ~~Foil~~ bag according to Claim 4, ~~claims 4 or 6~~, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the rearward side folds have ~~are provided with~~ openings and incisions similar to the rearward flat foil portion.

8. **(Currently Amended)** A foil ~~Foil~~ bag according to Claim 1, wherein at least one incision extends ~~any one of the preceding claims 1-7, characterized in that the incisions extend in~~ a radial direction with respect to the circular opening.

9. **(Currently Amended)** A foil ~~Foil~~ bag according to Claim 1, wherein at least one incision ~~any one of the preceding claims 1-7, characterized in that the incision comprises a~~ continuously punched cut.

10. **(Currently Amended)** A foil ~~Foil~~ bag according to Claim 1, wherein at least one incision is formed from ~~any one of the preceding claims 1-7, characterized in that the incisions~~ are interruptedly punched cuttings or perforation.

11. **(Currently Amended)** A foil ~~Foil~~ bag according to Claim 1, wherein any one of the preceding claims 1-10, characterized in that the opening is of a polygonal shape (~~circular, oval, triangular, square, star-shaped or the like~~) and comprises ~~by~~ incisions extending in a circumferential direction around the opening.

12. **(Currently Amended)** A foil ~~Foil~~ bag according to Claim 1, wherein any one of the preceding claims 1-10, characterized in that the internal circumferential border of the opening is provided with an amount of polygonal modular shapes, in such a way that the required shear

and tensile movement of the foil bag is promoted from the point of connection with respect to the pin support.

13. (Currently Amended) A foil bag according to Claim 3, wherein any one of the preceding claims 3-10, characterized in that at least one the incision provided located at a minimum distance from the external circumference has is of a straight, curved, corrugated or of an other shape.

14. (Currently Amended) A foil bag according to Claim 1, wherein at least one any one of the preceding claims 1-7, characterized in that the incision is at least partly or completely formed as a punched opening.

15. (Currently Amended) A foil bag according to Claim 1, wherein any one of the preceding claims 1-7, characterized in that the upper edge of the foil bag is perpendicular and has provided perpendicularly thereof with straight incisions which extend from said upper edge to the external circumference of the opening and further extend extends beyond the lower circumferential edge over a length of at least a few mm to about 1-2 cm.

16. (Currently Amended) A foil bag according to Claim 14, wherein at least one incision comprises claim 14, characterized in that the incisions at least comprise a combined incision having a continuously punched cut according to claim 9 and a polygonally shaped opening or perforation, e.g. in the shape of a triangle, a star or a similar perforated shape.

17. (Currently Amended) A foil bag according to Claim 1, wherein at least one incision any one of the preceding claims 1-7, characterized by having at least one incision and one perforation are located near its openings.

18. (New) A foil bag according to Claim 3, wherein at least one incision located at a minimum distance from the external circumference has a curved shape.

19. (New) A foil bag according to Claim 3, wherein at least one incision located at a minimum distance from the external circumference has a corrugated shape.

20. (New) A foil bag according to Claim 14, wherein at least one incision comprises a combined incision having a continuously punched cut and a polygonally shaped opening or perforation in the shape of a triangle.